

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-29, as amended, will be pending. New claims 15-28 have been added to more distinctly claim the Applicants' invention, and are fully supported by the specification. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

In response to the Election Requirement dated December 15, 2004, Applicants elect the compound 1-(N-methyl-N-1-deoxyglucitylamino)-2-hydroxyl-3-(branched octadecyloxy poly-4PO-10EO) propane. Claims 1-10 and 12-29 read on the elected species.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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